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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 59.8 degrees, 5.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, May 4. Precipitation averaged 0.79 inches, 0.12 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 12 points above normal.

Reporters rated 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, May 2. This is 4.2 days more than last year and 1.5 days more than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	5.6	4.7	21.8
2002	1.4	2.2	9.8
1998-2002 Average	4.1	3.1	17.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	16	74	9
Last Week	1	7	80	12
Same Week Last Year	0	0	47	53
1998-2002 Average	1	13	55	30

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY May 4

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 78 percent jointed, this is two days ahead of last year's schedule and two days behind of the 1998-02 average. Winter wheat is two percent headed. Ninety-nine percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 29 days ahead of last year and 21 days ahead of the five-year average. Respondents estimate that about 57 percent of oats have emerged. This is 10 days ahead of last year but

two days behind the 1998-02 average. Reporters estimate 83 percent of the **Corn** crop has been planted. This is 34 days ahead of last year and 20 days ahead of the five year average. Eight percent of corn plants have emerged. This is seven days ahead of last year and four days ahead of the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have 41 percent of their crop planted. This is 30 days ahead of 2002 and 10 days ahead of the five year average. Approximately 55 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is 17 days ahead of last year, and five days ahead the five-year average. Reporters estimated 99 percent of **Sugarbeets** have been planted.

Apples are 89 percent in full bloom, compared to 75 percent in full bloom last year. **Peaches** are 90 percent in full bloom, compared to 80 percent in 2002

Farmers across the state of Ohio participated in a planting marathon which saw five year averages of many crops surpassed. Producers planted large amounts of corn and sugarbeets. Growers also drilled soybeans and are just about finished planting the oat crop. The spring rains during the week were greatly appreciated by many in the farming community but more is needed in some locations. Vegetable producers planted tomatoes, sweet corn, onions and green beans. Fruit producers report trees are in full bloom in many locations.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated winter wheat at 81 percent good to excellent condition. Rain last week helped pastures conditions improve but more rain is needed in some locations to revive pastures which were damaged by the 2002 summer drought. Respondents reporting pastures at 72 percent good to excellent condition.

Livestock was rated at 83 percent good to excellent condition. Cattle producers continue to rotate herds from one pasture to another, while in some locations where pastures are lacking sufficient growth producers continue to feed dry hay.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 4

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	83	10	28	18	29
Corn emerged	8	2	4	NA	6
Oats planted	99	59	82	72	52
Oats emerged	57	27	59	20	17
Potatoes planted	55	38	43	31	NA
Soybeans planted	41	5	15	5	3
Sugarbeets planted	99	28	42	32	48
Winter wheat jointed	78	73	82	57	NA
Winter wheat headed	2	NA	NA	NA	21

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 4

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	20	62	17
Previous Week	0	2	24	61	13
Previous Year	0	2	21	63	14
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	21	63	14
Previous Week	1	3	19	62	15
Previous Year	0	3	24	58	15
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	15	67	16
Previous Week	0	2	15	67	16
Previous Year	0	1	15	71	13
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	24	57	14
Previous Week	1	3	27	55	14
Previous Year	0	3	24	59	14
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	21	62	15
Previous Week	1	4	22	59	14
Previous Year	0	2	23	63	12
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	16	53	28
Previous Week	1	3	16	54	26
Previous Year	2	5	25	53	15

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 4

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	57.0	3.6	1.19	0.45	3.74	-0.01	58	4	234	35
North Central	57.8	4.6	0.93	0.23	3.38	-0.34	61	10	232	41
Northeast	58.5	6.2	0.49	-0.21	2.71	-1.09	67	15	235	48
West Central	59.8	5.2	0.84	-0.09	3.20	-0.98	72	13	273	48
Central	60.3	5.2	0.96	0.00	3.77	-0.35	76	13	288	47
Central Hills	59.4	5.9	0.74	-0.11	3.18	-0.85	71	15	261	50
Northeast Hills	59.9	5.9	0.59	-0.24	2.99	-0.89	74	15	265	42
Southwest	61.5	5.3	0.55	-0.71	3.18	-1.56	80	13	305	44
South Central	62.0	5.3	0.87	-0.19	4.25	0.21	86	13	337	44
Southeast	60.7	5.4	0.66	-0.32	3.40	-0.64	80	14	313	54
STATE	59.8	5.2	0.79	-0.12	3.41	-0.63	73	12	277	45

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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